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FRANKFURT NEUE PRESSE OF JULY 11 CARRIES LEAD EDITORIAL
UNDER HEADLINE "A CHALLENGE". EDITORIAL SAYS "TRULY
PRESIDENT CARTER HAS A FEW THINGS TO SAY ON SATURDAY
AT HIS PUBLIC APPEARANCE AT THE FRANKFURT ROEMER AND
LATER IN BERLIN. HE IS CHALLENGED IN SEVERAL WAYS.
IT IS NOT ONLY A QUESTION OF YOUNG NICO HUEBNER WHO
TOOK SERIOUSLY THE FOUR POWER STATUS OF ALL BERLIN
AND CONSEQUENTLY REFUSED MILITARY SERVICE. FOR THE
AMERICAN PRESIDENT IT IS NOT PRIMARILY A MATTER OF
WEST GERMAN AND AMERICAN JOURNALISTS WHO ARE UNDER
PRESSURE IN THE EAST BLOC COUNTRIES. IT IS RATHER
THAT CARTER MUST CONSIDER HIMSELF ATTACKED BY THE
TRIAL WHICH OPENED YESTERDAY AGAINST THREE SOVIET
CIVIL RIGHTS ADVOCATES ONE OF WHICH, ANATOLY
SHCHARANSKY ALLEGEDLY WORKED TOGETHER WITH THE
AMERICAN SERCRET SERVICE - AN ASSERTION DENIED BY
CARTER."

THE EDITORIAL GOES ON TO SAY "THE PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES DOES NOT NEED TO LET HIMSELF BE
PROVOKED. BUT AS A COMMITTED SPOKESMAN FOR HUMAN
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RIGHTS AND THEIR REALIZATION THROUGH THE HELSINKI
ACCORDS HE CANNOT REMAIN SILENT IN FACE OF THE
SOVIET CHALLENGE. THE AMERICAN PUBLIC - AND NOT
ONLY THE AMERICAN PUBLIC - IS TOO UPSET. THE
SOVIETS DID NOT WANT TO AVOID THIS SITUATION; ON
THE CONTRARY THEY CONSCIOUSLY ENCOURAGED THE
CONFRONTATION BY CONTRARY TO PREVIOUS PRACTICE

INFORMING THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE TRIAL - OF COURSE
NOT THROUGH ANY OBJECTIVE REPORTERS."

BALANCE OF EDITORIAL IS COMMENT ON SOVIET
TRIAL OF DISSIDENTS.LEHMANN

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